



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

18 VAC 85-120 – Regulations Governing the Certification of Athletic Trainers Department of Health Professions November 26, 2003

The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 9-6.14:7.1.G of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 25 (98). Section 9-6.14:7.1.G requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. The analysis presented below represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.

Summary of the Proposed Regulation

The Board of Medicine (board) proposes to introduce a provisional authorization category to permit individuals who hold NATABOC (National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification) certification to work as athletic trainers for 45 days while other application materials are being processed.

Estimated Economic Impact

In order to obtain Virginia certification as an athletic trainer, individuals must 1) "submit to the board written evidence that the applicant has passed the NATABOC entry level examination for athletic trainers or its equivalent as determined by the board," 2) either "be a graduate of an accredited educational program for athletic trainers; or have met the educational requirement necessary to hold current credentialing as a Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC) from NATABOC or another credentialing body approved by the board.." Virginia certification applicants must also pay a \$150 fee, list professional activity, and, if certified or licensed in

another state, provide documentation to show that the certification or license is current and unrestricted.

The board proposes to introduce a provisional authorization category to permit individuals who provide documentation of current NATABOC certification and, if they are licensed certified elsewhere in the United States, documentation that their license or certificate is current and unrestricted, to practice for 45 days pending submission of other required documentation and issuance of a certificate. The proposed provisional certification would allow these persons to begin work as an athletic trainer and not delay their employment by the several weeks it typically takes for all required documentation to be received. According to the Department of Health Professions (department), verifications of professional education and professional activity often take a number of weeks to be completed, while NATABOC certification and certification and licensure status in other jurisdictions can be confirmed considerably sooner.

Allowing athletic trainers to start work prior to the completion of all paperwork will permit affected trainers to start providing services for their employers sooner. Treated athletes will likely benefit. This may enable some affected persons to be offered positions that they otherwise would not obtain. By allowing athletic trainers to start working at new jobs sooner, some may be offered positions that they otherwise would not obtain.

Businesses and Entities Affected

The proposed regulations affect the 600 persons certified as athletic trainers in Virginia,¹ individuals seeking to apply for certification, and those individuals that receive athletic trainer services.

Localities Particularly Affected

The proposed regulations potentially affect all Virginia localities.

Projected Impact on Employment

The proposed amendment will allow some athletic trainers to start working at new jobs sooner. This may enable some affected persons to be offered positions that they otherwise would not obtain.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

By allowing affected athletic trainers to potentially obtain positions that they may not have otherwise, the proposed amendment positively affects their financial net worth.

¹ Source: Department of Health Professions